



# Motley Free Methodist Church "In His Grip"

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## A Few Words from Pastor Jim:

Amos 4:7-8 (NKJV) *"I also withheld rain from you, when there were still three months until the harvest. I made it rain on one city, I withheld rain from another city. One part was rained upon, and where it did not rain that part withered. So, two or three cities wandered to another city to drink water, but they were not satisfied; yet you have not returned to me, says the Lord."*

I know that you all are like I am and have been praying for rain a lot this spring and summer. Our farmers and ranchers, all over the upper Midwest are hurting terribly because of lack of rain. The drought in Utah, Nevada, California and Arizona has raged on for nearly 2 years and Lake Mead is the lowest it has been since Hoover Dam was built in the 1930's.

The drought in western North Dakota and Colorado is so severe that thousands of head of cattle are being sold off because there is no hay, no grass and no hay to make.

What does all of this tell us, except it is extremely dry in a lot of places. I think it might also tell us; it is time Christians everywhere "return to the Lord".

That is what God said to the Northern tribes, through Amos, when He sent drought to them before. "Yet you have not returned to Me".

People everywhere in those 10 tribes knew about the Living God but did their own thing. America knows about the Living God and seemingly just want to thumb our noses at Him. I believe that God is calling all "Christians" to return to Him in such a way, that we start with repentance and leave our own self-centered ways and get serious about worshipping and loving and following the Son of God.

"Yet you have not returned to me", indicates to me that God was trying to give them a chance. When you read Amos 4 you can see that he was actually giving them a lot of chances.....only to have Amos tell them 4-5 times "yet you have not returned to Me".

I will keep praying that God will forgive us, me, the church and America. I will keep praying for revival of the church in North America and beyond. I will keep praying for rain.

Thank you again VBS team for a job very well done. May we continue to pray for all those children and their walk with Jesus.

Thank you again, summer picnic crew. On the 14<sup>th</sup> we will have another Community Picnic, this one will include some more options to eat and hopefully even more community people coming to enjoy a meal and fellowship.

Thank you, prayer warriors. Please keep praying for our nation, for the church, for this church, for our ministries and for God to be glorified in and through us.

Have you had a chance to share Jesus with anyone lately? Have you invited anyone to church lately? Have you offered prayer to anyone lately? Have you volunteered for something new or different lately?

We are in a time where people are desperately hurting from 100 different things. If we, in the church, can recognize the hurts and the needs around us and offer some love, support, prayers or whatever.... maybe God will connect to them Spirit to spirit and bring them into His Kingdom, if they aren't already.

Friends, now is the time to live for Jesus, not ourselves. Now is the time to fast and pray for God to do a great work in our communities and now is the time to be available to Him, for His glory through us.

May I end with one of my favorite New Testament verses, for our encouragement and spurring on?

Galatians 6:9 *"Let us not grow weary in doing good; for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not"*. May God be praised and may God be glorified through His people / us.

Serving Jesus and serving you. Pastor Jim

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## Upcoming Event

- \*July 4- Independence Day
- \*July 10- Women's Group Meeting
- \*July 14- Community Picnic
- \*July 17-24- Youth Mission Trip
- \*July 19- BOA Meeting
- \*July 25- Baptism Sunday

## Small Group Information:

As a part of a growing body, the best way to have a more intimate fellowship and Bible study is to be involved in a small group.

- Sunday morning 9:00 Children's Church
- Sunday morning 10:30 Adult Sunday School
- Sunday morning 10:30 Youth Sunday School
- Sunday morning 10:30 Children's Church/Sunday School
- Tuesday morning 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday evening 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall



- Wednesday afternoon prayer time at 12:00 pm
- Wednesday evening 6:00 [m Youth Group
- Thursday evening Men's Group at 6:30 pm
- Thursday evening Women's Bible Study at 6:30-8 pm
- Saturday evening prayer group at the church at 6 pm with Pastor Jim



**Baptism Sunday**

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**River baptism, please see Pastor Jim or Pastor Charles**

**if you are interested in getting baptised.**

## Women's Ministry News:

The women's group met Saturday, June 12 at 9 am with devotions and to go over what's ahead!

On June 7th the women's group held a baby shower for Chloe Caldwell who is due July 6th. It was a beautiful shower and we thank all of you for your participation and love to Chloe!



At the June meeting, the women voted to financially support the CARE group with back-to-school funds again to the tune of \$500.00, as they were looking for monetary donations again this year!

We will meet again on Saturday, July 10th at 9 am! Please consider joining us any time as we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those around us!

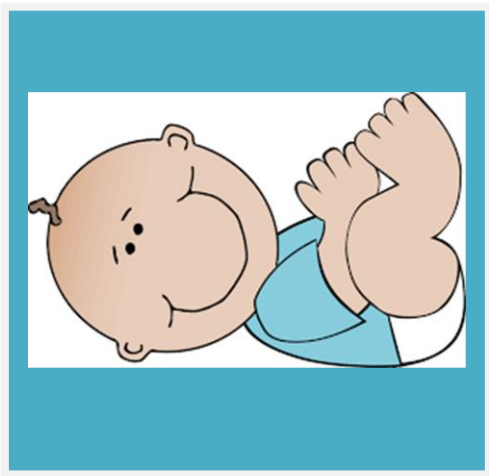
## Youth News:

June started off with Jess doing the lessons on prayer. On the June 3rd we did a prayer walk on the east side of Motley. We plan, weather permitting, we will do a prayer walk on the west side of town on the 30th. June 9th was the first community picnic at Ernie Converse Park, the youth helped with games during the picnic. June 19th was the Motley parade and June Fest; some of the youth rode on the float and threw candy while others walked handing out flyer sand freezes. June 21st to the 25th was VBS and many of the youth helped with that.

July 7th Craig will do some Mission trip Training with those going on the mission trip while Jess will do a lesson with the rest of the youth. Sunday July 11th we will have a commissioning for the youth and leaders going on the mission trip during both services. July 14th is the second Community Picnic at Ernie Converse Park. July 17th twelve youth and three adult chaperones will go on a week-long mission trip to work with organizations that help the homeless in the Rapid City South Dakota area. July 25 is Baptism Sunday, any youth interested in Baptism please see one of the leaders or Pastors soon.

If we can be of any help to any of the youth, please text, call or message any of the Youth Leaders and we will be glad to pray, talk or just listen to any of you!

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## In Children's Ministry News:

The biggest children's programming news in June, was our annual community outreach event of Vacation Bible School! June 21-25, we held Group's Rocky Railway VBS. It was a week-long theme encouraging our children and our neighborhood children to "Trust Jesus." This point was driven home every night through opening/closing activities and 6 stations in between! Children heard Bible stories, played games, had snacks and supper, imagination station, plus went to Kid Vid all wrapped around telling them to trust Jesus! I pray many of these children will trust Jesus for the first time. We had 81 different children attend this year with our highest night at 72 children. We are so thankful for the 40 adults and 17 youth who helped pull this year's VBS off! We thank all of you, for your prayer support, financial support and giving of your time and talents! It was a fantastic VBS! 44 families were represented with 16 of them being relatively unchurched families! Please pray that they will consider joining us some Sunday!

Our children's church continues on Sunday mornings during both services, with youth class during our second service and every Wednesday night. Nursery care is still available during first service!

We will also be holding our July Christian Education meeting here in July, please see Jess if you are interested in helping with children's programming in any way!



Summer is upon us! I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine, warm weather, and long days! But, it's not too early to be thinking about fall. Awana clubs will be held from 4:00-5:30 on Wednesdays, with food for the kids around 3:30. Kids ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to participate, with youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up having the opportunity to help.

Are you looking for a way to get involved in church activities and minister to others? Awana provides lots of opportunities: Kitchen helpers to provide food for the kids, game leaders to keep things fun, mentors for 3-6<sup>th</sup> graders, all ages can help kids learn bible verses and show them God's love.

We need a **LOT** of people this fall to run club successfully. Are you willing to let **God use you** in bringing up the next generation of disciples for Jesus? Please prayerfully consider joining us this fall! If you have any questions, or want to secure your position, please speak with Brandi Neal, Jennifer Mallory, or Traci Birkholtz. Thank you, church, for serving Jesus by loving our kids!

### Schedule:

July 14<sup>th</sup> -5:30-Community Picnic at Ernie Converse Park

# Young Adults



July is a significant month! Our Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain and were now united, free, and independent states as of July 4, 1776. As we celebrate our 245<sup>th</sup> year of independence, may we stop to consider if we are living a liberated life “*in-dependence*” of Jesus Christ.

Have you totally surrendered your life to Jesus and allowed Him to redeem you and set you free? **John 8:36**, says, “*So if the Son [Jesus] sets you free, you are truly free.*” Call upon the Lord Jesus, by faith, and He will save you, liberate you....empower you. Call upon the Lord, today! (**Acts 2:21**, **Ephesians 2:8-9**).

July also marks my third anniversary together when my family and I joined you here at Motley Free Methodist on 1 July 2018. It has been a wonderful blessing to have been welcomed to become a part of all that you are doing in ministry through this Church body. I look forward to the time ahead to learn, grow and serve together. Thank you!

Let us also remember our charge for 2021, from **1 Thessalonians 5:13-22**: “*Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.*”

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